External Assistance for Andhra Pradesh Power Projects

3494. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some proposals to seek external financial assistance to complete all the approved pending power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the projects are expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Approval has recently been accorded to the proposals of the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) to take up implementation of a gas-based 3 x 33 MW Combined Cycle power station at Narsapur-Razole and a 2 x 210 MW thermal power station at Rayalaseema (Muddanur). The schemes have been included in the State's Seventh Plan. The question of obtaining external assistance for these projects could be examined keeping in view, inter alia, the availability of resources in the State Plan.

It would be possible to determine the commissioning scheduled of the projects after the orders for main plant equipment have been placed by the State Electriciy Board.

Prices of Ampicillin

3495. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain essential drugs such as Ampicillin, Tetracycline, Co-trimoxozole, Amoxycillin which were exempted from excise duty before the Budget will now attract excise duty @ 10.5 per cent to 15.75 per cent depending on single ingredient or combination;

(b) how will such a recommendation of his Ministry help the consumer; and

(c) what will be the approximate increase in prices of these essential medicines and other medicines on which levy of excise duty has been proposed in the Budget?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) My Ministry has already initiated action after examining the Budget proposals.

Allotment of Additional Quota of Kerosene to A.P.

3496. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allotted to Andhra Pradesh so far during the current year which is to be supplied through the public distribution system;

(b) whether the State Government has requested for the allotment of additional quota; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet their demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A statement showing the quantity of kerosene allocated to Andhra Pradesh to meet the requirements of various consumers in the State during the current year (January to June 1988) is attached. (See below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The kerosene allocation already made to Andhra Pradesh for the current Summer Block (March to June, 1988) in accordance with the existing policy at the rate of 39820 tonnes per month, as against 37215 tonnes given for the same block of last year, is considered adequate to meet the demand of the genuine consumers in the State. The State Government has been advised of this position.

Statement

(Figures in tonnes)

Month	Allocation
January, 88	46120
February, 88	46120
March, 88	39820
April, 88	39820
May, 88	39820
June, 88	39820
TOTAL :	2,51,520

Production of Life Saving Drugs

3497. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1900 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the licensed and installed capacity of each producer of Tetanus Antitoxin, Anti-snake venom Serum, Streptomycin and Penicillin alongwith the production of each unit of each drug during last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the production of each drug from September, 1987 to February, 1988;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of Penicillin a number of plants for manufacture of life saving drugs such as Ampicillin and Amoxillin are lying idle;

(d) what is the quantity of Penicillin sold to non-associated units by each during last six months alongwith the name of the unit;

(e) whether it is a fact that there was no import of Tetanus Antitoxin, Anti-snake venom Serum and Streptomycin; and

(f) whether it is a fact that there was no shortage of these drugs in the past?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Details to the extent available are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c) No such instances have come to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) To the extent information is available, apart from captive consumption, M/s. HAL and IDPL have supplied approximately 311 MMU of Penicillin-G to the producers of 6 APA during April, 1987 to February, 1988.

(e) This Ministry has information only about streptomycin which is being imported.

(f) The latest reports received from State Drug Controllers indicate